

At the 2011 Census, there were 14,588 Ireland-born persons in Victoria (21.7% of Australia's total), increasing by 26.8% (3,082) from 11,506 persons in 2006. The Ireland-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in the local government areas of Port Phillip (8.6%); Mornington Peninsula (4.1%); Kingston (3.9%); Melbourne (3.9%); and Casey (3.6%). A relatively significant proportion, 16.4%, lived in regional Victoria. Over half (54.2%) of the Ireland-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 7.6% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 34.2% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Ireland-born community reflected a young adult to mature age profile: 11.8% were aged 25 years and below; 36.3% were aged 26-44 years; 28.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 23.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 46 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 112 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Almost three-quarters (72.8%) of the Ireland-born were Western Catholic. Most (95.1%) spoke English only. Almost half (49.6%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-fifth (21.7%) of the Ireland-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 5.3% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Ireland in Victoria and Australia: 2011, 2006 and 2001 Census

Location	2011 Census		2006 Census		2001 Census		Change 2006-2011		Change 2001-2006	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metropolitan Melbourne ^(a)	12,205	18.1	9,514	18.9	9,692	19.3	2,691	28.3	-178	-1.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	2,383	3.5	1,992	4.0	1,991	4.0	391	19.6	1	0.1
Total Victoria	14,588	21.7	11,506	22.9	11,683	23.3	3,082	26.8	-177	-1.5
Total Australia	67,316	100.0	50,254	100.0	50,235	100.0	17,062	34.0	19	0.0

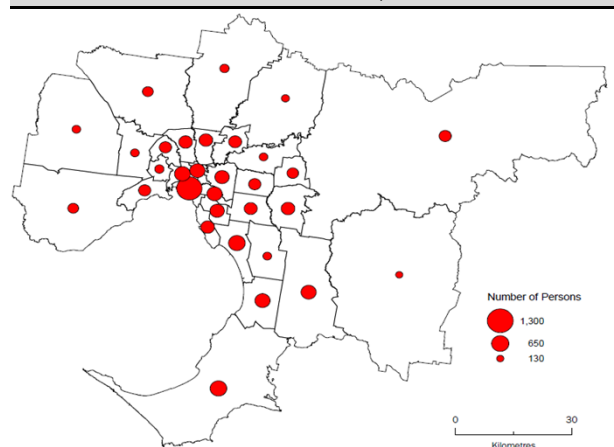
^(a) Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

^(b) Includes 'No Usual Address, Victoria'.

Distribution of Ireland-born, Top 5 Local Government Areas: 2011, 2006

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Port Phillip	1,260	8.6	459	4.0	3
Mornington Peninsula	601	4.1	491	4.3	2
Kingston	574	3.9	445	3.9	4
Melbourne	568	3.9	265	2.3	23
Casey	521	3.6	522	4.5	1
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	8,676	59.5	7,333	63.7	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	2,388	16.4	1,991	17.3	
Total Victoria	14,588	100.0	11,506	100.0	

Distribution of Ireland-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Year of Arrival of Ireland-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Ireland-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	7,904	54.2	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	461	3.2	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	641	4.4	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	1,049	7.2	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	3,938	27.0	316,244	22.5
Not stated	595	4.1	60,867	4.3
Total	14,588	100.0	1,405,334	100.0

^(a) OSB stands for Overseas-born.

^(b) Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

Age Distribution of Ireland-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	190	1.3	94	0.8	102.1
5-11	315	2.2	120	1.0	162.5
12-18	181	1.2	114	1.0	58.8
19-25	1,031	7.1	585	5.1	76.2
26-44	5,296	36.3	3,344	29.1	58.4
45-54	2,076	14.2	1,963	17.1	5.8
55-64	2,128	14.6	2,075	18.0	2.6
65-74	1,606	11.0	1,596	13.9	0.6
75+	1,767	12.1	1,613	14.0	9.5
Total	14,590	100.0	11,504	100.0	26.8
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	112		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	46		52		

Top 5 Religions of Ireland-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	10,627	72.8	8,319	72.3	27.7
Anglican Church	547	3.7	591	5.1	-7.4
Presbyterian	268	1.8	274	2.4	-2.2
Christian, nfd	160	1.1	103	0.9	55.3
Uniting Church	140	1.0	198	1.7	-29.3
Other religions	420	2.9	363	3.2	15.7
No religion	1,862	12.8	1,077	9.4	72.9
Not stated ^(a)	565	3.9	577	5.0	-2.1
Total	14,589	100.0	11,502	100.0	26.8

^(a) Includes 'Religious Belief, not further defined' and 'Not Defined'.

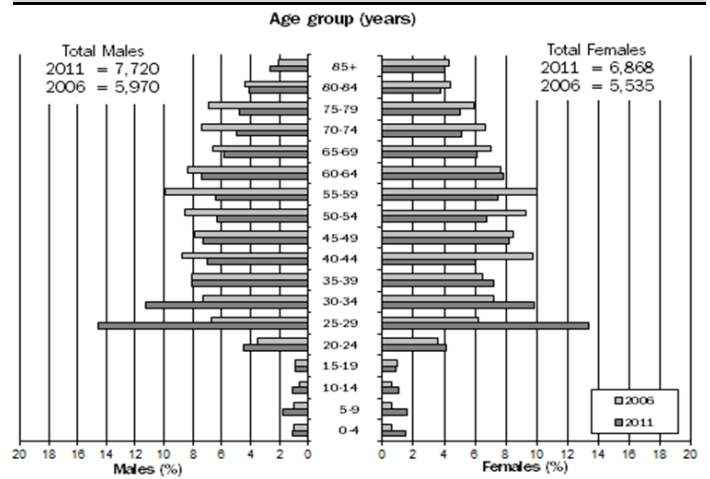
Ireland-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	77	1.1	59	0.9	30.5
5-11	172	2.4	82	1.3	109.8
12-18	97	1.3	66	1.0	47.0
19-25	158	2.2	286	4.4	-44.8
26-44	1,667	23.0	1,504	22.9	10.8
45-64	2,786	38.5	2,519	38.4	10.6
65-74	1,094	15.1	1,042	15.9	5.0
75+	1,184	16.4	1,001	15.3	18.3
Total	7,235	100.0	6,559	100.0	10.3

nfd = not further defined

For more detailed tables on a wider range of demographic and socio-economic data for this community from the 2011 Census, refer to the Community Profiles series available for free download from www.multicultural.vic.gov.au.

Age and Gender Distribution of Ireland-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Ireland-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	13,879	95.1	11,107	96.5	25.0
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	554	3.8	269	2.3	105.9
Well	30	0.2	28	0.2	7.1
Not well	27	0.2	15	0.1	80.0
Not at all	11	0.1	-	-	-
Not stated ^(a)	86	0.6	87	0.8	-1.1
Total	14,587	100.0	11,506	100.0	26.8

^(a) Includes those who did not state a language and/or proficiency in English.

Total Personal Income (Weekly), Ireland-born: 2011

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Ireland-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	736	5.3	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	515	3.7	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	2,522	18.0	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	1,401	10.0	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	1,285	9.2	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	1,333	9.5	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	2,950	21.1	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	1,341	9.6	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	1,345	9.6	246,378	5.7
Not stated	570	4.1	334,647	7.7
Total	13,998	100.0	4,355,243	100.0

^(a) Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2006, 2011.